

anyway and their names are automatically forwarded on to...on to the...on to the General Election. What this would propose to do would be to make that practice common to all nonpartisan offices where the number of filings are not enough to cause a contested primary that there would be no primary election, those names would automatically carry on to the final election. It's my feeling that a lot of money is spent by candidates in primary elections where there is no...no opposition and this might be one way to get some elec...get some of those campaign costs under control and to save some money. This also provides...there are...most offices there's a provision for a write in at the general election but there are some offices currently many of whom, some of which don't even cause the...have a filing deadline the same as others where there is no opportunity to write in at the general election. This would include write ins for Natural Resources District, Educational Service Units, Reclamation Districts, and something called the PPD that my legislative aide assume I'll know what it is, but I don't...Public Power Districts, okay, that there would be write ins for those. This does not deal with the Legislature. I think, personally, I think the same concept is applicable for the Legislature because it's something that affects us internally here. I propose to file that amendment separately. If you have any questions, I would respond.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Any discussion on the Withem amendment to LB 76? Seeing...Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABBODD: Would Senator Withem yield to a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Certainly.

SENATOR ABBODD: Senator Withem, I'm trying to get a handle on this...on what exactly this amendment provides for. In primary elections where there is no opposition then...then the name would not appear on the ballot. Is that...is that how it would...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, there's...I don't know what the situation in Ralston...let me give you a situation in Papillion this year. In Papillion, we have two candidates that have filed for mayor, Bob Wallace and Pete Goodman. They are both going to be nominated so there's no need for a primary election and this